

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A network service applying apparatus comprising an accepting server and memory, wherein said accepting server:

inputs a requested domain name to be associated with a  
5 memory area accessible via a network;

inputs and stores credit information of a user who is to be assigned with said memory area specified by said domain name;

sends out said input credit information and receives  
examination result data determined based upon said credit  
10 information, said examination result data indicating allowance or denial of a credit;

determines whether the memory area to be associated with said input domain name is to be assigned to said user based on said received examination result data and, when having decided to  
15 assign said memory area to said user, inputs user information for specifying said user, and generates and outputs ID data for identifying said user;

stores in said memory said user information in association with said ID data and said domain name; ~~and~~

20 when externally receiving said ID data and a notification indicating that the user identified by said ID data has given a third party a right to receive a network connection service,

generates and outputs network connection ID data for identifying  
said third party, and a password associated with said network  
25 connection ID data; and

uses said stored credit information to charge said user, for  
assigning said memory area to said user and for providing said  
third party specified by said user with said network connection  
service.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The network service applying  
apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the requested domain name  
is input as a domain name to be newly assigned, and said  
accepting server sends out said requested domain name and  
5 receives assignment status report data indicating whether said  
requested domain name has already been assigned, and stops  
inputting said credit information when said received assignment  
status report data indicates that said requested domain name has  
already been assigned.

4. (Previously Presented) The network service applying  
apparatus according to claims 1, further comprising an  
authentication server, wherein said authentication server:

encrypts said password generated by said accepting server;

5            stores said password and said network connection ID data in  
association with each other; and

          when externally supplied with said network connection ID  
data and an input password, determines whether said stored  
encrypted password associated with said network connection ID  
10 data substantially matches with said externally supplied input  
password, and grants said network connection service to said  
third party identified by said network connection ID data when  
there is a match.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled).